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Dr. Jane E. Henney
Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
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Re: *Use of Antibiotics for livestock*

Dear Dr. Henney:

I am concerned about the proliferation of CAFOs (Confined Animal Feeding Operations) and their use of hormones and antibiotics, which enter the food chain for humans via meat and sewage from these "animal factories". I would expect the hormones to affect human behavior and physiology, and the overuse of antibiotics can, of course, help the evolution of resistant disease organisms.

Please do what you can to reduce or eliminate the use of such chemicals in meat production, or to require appropriate treatment of offal from animal factories. As a minimum, labeling for meat products could be required to indicate the possible use or presence of such chemicals, or their definite absence. At least such labeling would give Americans a choice.

Thank you for your kind attention, and good luck in your mission.

Respectfully,



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